

Appl. No. 10/718,301
Response dated 08/26/2008
Reply to Office Action of 05/29/2008

REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 28 - 39 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement and rejected Claims 28 - 33 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1, 23 – 27 and 40 were indicated as being allowed.

In the present response, Applicants have canceled the rejected claims (i.e., Claims 28 - 39).

Note that by canceling Claims 28 - 39 from further consideration, Applicants are not conceding that the subject matter encompassed by the claims is not patentable. Rather, Claims 28 - 39 were canceled solely to facilitate expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue claims, including the subject matter encompassed by Claims 28 - 39, as presented prior to this Amendment and additional claims in one or more continuing applications.

In addition, since all claims except the method claims are canceled in the Application, Applicants have amended the TITLE, the ABSTRACT and the SUMMARY of the Invention to cancel terms such as "system", "apparatus", "computer program product" etc. from the TITLE, ABSTRACT and SUMMARY of the Invention.

By this amendment, therefore, Claims 1, 23 – 27 and 40 remain pending in the Application. Applicants believe that the Application is in proper form for allowance and kindly request allowance and passage to issue of the pending claims.

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